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From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
To: All General Officers
All Senior Executive Service Members

Ref: (a) 10 U.S.C. § 777
(b) DoD Directive 1334.2 of 12 Feb 2002
(c) PDUSD(P&R) memo of 29 Oct 04

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1. Our continued attention to frocking requirements and restrictions is warranted to ensure compliance with federal law and DoD/DON policy.
2. With the signing of the FY04 National Defense Authorization Act on 24 Nov 03, the Secretary of Defense is now the approval authority for frocking of all general officers, regular and reserve.
3. A general officer cannot be frocked until confirmed by the Senate for promotion to the next higher grade. Additionally, the officer must be serving in, or have received orders and be within 60-days of reporting to, a position for which that grade is authorized. Before frocking can occur, the Secretary of Defense must submit written notification to Congress of his intent to frock and a period of 30-days must elapse after the date of notification. This notification may not be submitted prior to confirmation.
4. Currently, the Senate Armed Services Committee plans confirmation of a promotion list about 120-days before the first officer on the list will be promoted.
5. The Marine Corps' share of the DoD authorization for frocked active component brigadier generals is five, and for frocked active component major generals is now 3. There is no limitation on the number of reserve general officers that may be frocked, provided the provisions outlined in paragraph 3 have been met.

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6. DoD precedence for frocking is international/joint followed by command. Each request must demonstrate that frocking is essential to the officer's effectiveness in the assigned billet. Seniority is not considered.

7. The above policy will be a part of each Brigadier General Select Orientation Course.



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